Students spend break changing lives

By Caemi Calehney
S Tech Writer

There was no regular spring break.

It was a week of putting concrete blocks in place to make homes. It was a week of cultural and social awakenings. It was a time to give rather than receive, to help other people under the spirit of God, worked out so beautifully."

On this night, they came back together, some for the first time since the trip, to share pictures and memories over homemade lasagna and garlic bread.

There were lots of hugs, and laughter came from people as they recalled their favorite times.

This closeness in Berkebile's house was formed during their week in Tijuana.

"Everyone had a gift," said Pearl Berkebile, Becky's mother. "One person cooked, someone else was really encouraging and one person was really tall and could put the blocks up high (during the building)."

"It was like a family. I was crying when we left," she said.

Quach, a Cal Poly graduate student in the Industrial Techni­ cal Society (ITS) found out about the project through a previous article in Mustang Daily.

He said that he was not sure what to expect when he went, but that it ended up being one of the best weeks of his life.

"They live so simply," Quach said. "The first day I was shock­ ed. I didn't know their culture very well. It was very filthy. No trees, no landscape, just a lot of houses."

Quach, who is originally from Vietnam, added: "The nuclear problem to which Clinton referred was North Korea's attempts to develop nuclear weapons."

Friends, flowers gathered at the park

By Sandra Haughton
Daily Staff Writer

Children with vivid bumble bee painted on their cheeks, women in stiff straw hats with their arms full of potted plants and men checking out the selection of ground coverings were just some of the attendees at the Garden Festival last weekend.

An estimated 4,500 people perused the booths and attractions at El Chorro Regional Park during the Friends of San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden's fifth annual festival Saturday and Sunday.

"It was tremendously successful," said Greg Blume, event coordinator and a volunteer and a visitor center. Although the funds raised have not yet been totaled, the festival definitely succeeded in its second function, Blume said.

"It was also meant to breed enthusiasm for gardening and for the planned botanical garden," he said.

To accomplish this goal, the festival featured information booths, displays and activities designed to lure people of all ages into the world of gardening and San Luis Obispo Daily.

Several booths catered to educating and entertaining children. They could make crowns with dried flowers, visit a farm to see dairy goats and bean and cauliflower of beets, bugs and dinosaurs on bright construction paper.

Another station allowed people to build their own compost­ manufacturing device using plastic two-liter bottles and newspaper, kitchen scraps, hay and soil. After assembling the device, participants took the creation home; adding water to it for about three months can yield enough rich compost to fill a small pot.

Dressed in white overalls and a beekeeper's veil hat, Quentin Denhison exhibited his tools and the different types of comb used in keeping bees.

"I'm just showing everyone what good friends bees are to people," said the Lompoce resi­ dent who currently has seven hives.

Honey tasting and a bulletin board explaining pollination and the bee's anatomy in both English and Spanish accompanied Denhison's exhibit.

Children and their parents could also explore the park's See FESTIVAL page 3

Clinton will arrange peace talks between North, South Korea?

By Terence Hunter
Associated Press

CHENGDU, South Korea — President Clinton will propose unconditional peace talks between North and South Korea and China as participants, U.S. offi­ cials said.

The president was expected to seek final approval for the initia­ tive in a meeting with South Korea President Kim Young-sam on this resort island Tuesday morning, Korean time. Discuss­ ions about the proposal have been under way quietly for about two months, an official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Until now, the United States has insisted that North and South Korea negotiate directly with each other on a permanent peace accord to the long-unset­ tled Korean conflict.

North Korea has tried to force the United States into direct negotiations, which would put South Korea into a secondary role. Clinton's initiative is a new diplomatic formula for a peace process.

Some U.S. officials believe that North Korea staged military incursions into the Demilitarized Zone earlier this month after learning about the initiative. That way, North Korea could claim the United States was reacting to its move, in a form of concession.

Clinton has tried to make peacekeeping a hallmark of his presidency, boasting of efforts in the Middle East, Haiti, Bosnia and Northern Ireland. Any move­ ment in the 43-year-old Korean stalemate would be an election­ year plus for the president.

After a 20-hour flight from Washington, Clinton arrived here before dawn. Accompanied by his wife, Hillary, the presi­ dent was greeted by Kim and his wife at a seaside hotel. "We're glad to be here," the president said, complimenting Kim on the beauty of the island in the early morning.

Kim said he hoped Clinton would be able to see more of the island attractions and the presid­ ent replied, "Time will take care of that."

In their talks at a hotel abut­ ting the East China Sea, Clinton also was expected to reaffirm to Kim that the United States is committed to defending the South while urging the North to stop violating the border area.

About 37,000 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea.

During a refueling stop in Ala­ ska on route from Washington, Clinton told reporters he was optimistic about maintaining peace on the Korean Peninsula, which was devastated in the 1950-53 war in which the United States and its U.N. allies backed the South against the North and its Chinese and Soviet defenders.

The war ended with an armi­s tice instead of a formal peace treaty, the Demilitarized Zone was established to keep the two sides separated. Today, the DMZ is the most heavily fortified bor­ der area in the world.

"We're working on ways not only to keep the nuclear problem under control and eventually eliminate it but also to try to do what we can to promote an ul­ timate reconciliation and an end to the conflict," Clinton said. "If that could happen, then the world would be a much safer place — the whole world."

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Supporters of affirmative action come out for Santa Maria rally

By Tim Drugg
Daily Staff Writer

Affirmative action continues to cause controversy and friction between supporters of the practice and those who want to end it.

Minority students at Alan Hancock College held a rally on their campus Thursday to show support for the practice, which they said helps ensure diversity in schools and all other aspects of daily life.

Organizers of Thursday's rally said they believe affirmative action, defined by Webster's Dictionary as "a policy to increase opportunities for women and minorities," is a good policy that should be continued, although they admit it has some flaws.

"We can't just throw affirmative action out the window," said Eloisa Mitchell Barroso, the student organizer of the event. "All laws need to be refined."

Cal Poly graduate and supporter of affirmative action, Charlie Solares said events such as the approval of Proposition 187 served as a wake-up call to minorities to get involved across the state.

"Affirmative action is important because it's all about equality," Solares said. "We're talking about people with the same abilities who are not being included.

The rally included speeches by the event's organizers and Everardo Martinez-Inzana, coordinator of multicultural programs and services at Cal Poly.

Martinez-Inzana lectured about the importance of education and the need to keep it available to students of all colors. He said affirmative action had caused reverse discrimination, where whites or groups who were once overrepresented faced discrimination.

"It's true there have been abuses, but can you say that women and people of color are as represented in the work force according to the size of their population? No," Martinez-Inzana said.

He said a study conducted by researchers Alison Konrad and Frank Linneman, which was recently presented at Cal Poly, adds weight to the argument that there is still work to be done in affirmative action programs and services at all universities.

"If you think that affirmative action is unfair, you have to look at wealth distribution," Martinez-Inzana said. "The top 3 percent of the population owns the majority of the wealth in this country, and they are almost 100 percent white.

The rally was closed with a ceremonial American and Mexican Indian ceremony, led by speaker Manusn and sponsored by the Union Civica Cultural Mexicana organization. Manusn gave thanks to the gods for things not always recognized, such as the earth and the sun.

Manusn had participants join hands and face all directions of the compass. They looked at the sky and felt the ground while blowing through a large sea shell to call to the gods.

SLO to swell with Open House guests

By Randy Walton
Daily Staff Writer

When the crowds arrive for Open House this weekend, local businesses will have their work cut out for them.

The estimated 40,000 to 50,000 visitors descending on San Luis Obispo will present several challenges to the business community.

People looking for a place to stay over the weekend will find that nearly every local motel and hotel has been booked for months.

"We've been full since February," said Embassy Suites Hotel employee Myra Healy.

"People are desperate and are asking to be put on waiting lists." Healy said the hotel's only unsold rooms are just restricted to San Luis Obispo. Hotels throughout the Central Coast have reported an increase in reservations.

All hotels in Edgewater Inn

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Expressions of support for affirmative action are finding a new venue on the Public Art as an important civic investment. Interested artists are invited to submit proposals for works of art commemorating the historic China Town district in downtown San Luis Obispo. Deadline for proposals is April 30.

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Dairy Creek.

"The walks were designed to introduce kids to creek-side ecolog-"y," said Mfp Ponce, a Cal Poly geology major who led the walks. "I had a lot of fun showing them the plants and animals, and I think most of them enjoyed it, too."

Several local nurseries sold wide assortments of plants, trees and other garden products from booths, which they could use in exchange for a donation.

High attendance depleted much of the selection of free samples and plants by Sunday afternoon, said Hope Lee of Los Osos Valley Nurseries.

"We actually ran out of busi- ness cards," Lee said. "I think the number of people who at- tended yesterday was as many as we've had since the entire week last year."

Standing before a bulletin board with photographs and diagrams explaining safety tips, Dr. Berliner of the California Department of Forestry also commented on the big crowd that the event attracted. "My jaw hurts from talking so much," said the specialist with a broad smile.

Berliner and other CDF representatives handed out information sheets on incorporating fire prevention into landscape design.

The festival also included a full schedule of speakers addressing topics from how to create a water garden to what the community would like to see in its future botanical gardens. Cal Poly student Steve McDaniel, president of the Exotic Fruit Growers Association, spoke about propagation and the proper care of exotic plants.

"It was an incredibly impres- sive event," said the soil science junior. "It was also great to see Cal Poly students involved in a community event and volunteer- ing and sharing the knowledge that comes from Cal Poly."

Another large group of volun- teers that contributed to the fes- tival was the Montaña de Oro district of the California Garden Club Inc. The district, consist- ing of four local gardening groups, sponsored the standardized flower show, titled "Nurture your Bounty."

In the large, yellow-and- white-striped tent that housed tables of exotic flowers, dramatic floral arrangements and special exhibits of herbs and cacti, people pursued the blue-ribbon winning protea and garden hose displays, cream and fushia-edged tea roses and other horticulture delights.

"The district put the show on as a courtesy for the Friends of San Luis Obispo Botanical Gar- dens," said Chair Angela Michaels, mentioning the show had close to 60 entries. "It was meant to draw people to the event."

Among the many who at- tended and participated in the festival, many appeared to sup- port its ultimate goal, such as Mindy Wilkinson, a repre- sentative of Pacific Wildlife Care.

Wilkinson spent both days of the event championing Hot, a 5- year-old gray horned owl who was raised by humans and is now incapable of surviving in his natural wild habitat. Now, Hot travels to schools and events for public education presentations on nature.

"Anytime you can involve the community in caring for the en- vironment, it's a good idea," Wilkinson said. "Unusually when you talk to people about the en- vironment their eyes glaze over, but this festival and future gar- dens are ways for them to see what it means to care for the en- vironment."

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Butterfly to caterpillar

by Dave Demers

April 14, 1996

Today was one of the first nine days we've had since the start of the winter. How lovely it was! Birds chirping, warmth in the air, bright sunlight, flowers reflecting saturated colors... heaven. Humph! And I had to be inside a classroom letting a beautiful day like this pass me by. It made me think back to all the perfect days like this one I wanted as a child in front of an electronic moron-maker. Scarcely did I realize how precious these days would become!

I saw Tara today and she worries me so, always talking about in her little cave. I've challenged Tara about this on more than one occasion but she gets very defensive and, I must say, I'm quite afraid of her. This afternoon was especially bad. It's hard to tell what sorts off her and I usually make the mistake of trying to cheer her up. If Tara has made up her mind to be in a sour mood, there is little I can do to change it. Oh, how I've tried.

She wasn't always so solial. When we first met, Tara was pretty much like everyone else. What a blatant lie... Tara was nothing like anyone I'd ever met (I remember her father's transfer out of state). At least on the surface she was normal. Something happened to her during high school in about the junior year. The metamorphosis was not so gradual for me since my father was transferred out of state for a year, requiring me to attend a different school. During my absence I got maybe two letters and a phone call from Tara. I wasn't expecting a sonnet every day but it hurt my feelings to be ignored by someone who I thought was my best friend. You would understand my shock when I saw Tara sitting on our porch with a big Kool-Aid smile on her face as my father was pulling into the driveway.

Welcome back, Clarissa. I missed you," was the only thing she said to me and before I had the chance to make a sarcastic remark like, "Yeah, you missed me two letters worth," she gave me a bear hug which felt strong enough to break every bone in my chest. As Tara was releasing her grip she whispered into my ear. "Your return vindicates every injustice." As if this wasn't curious enough, she asks, "So, how do I look?" This is when I get my first good look at Tara.

Tara would never have been called a clothes horse but her wardrobe had not one speck of color. Drab olive armoires, black hosiery, a hatbox filled with books. Plus, admirably sunglasses she wears to this day. Her hair had gotten longer and wasn't so much styled as existing. In my eyes Tara looked like hell. In her eyes she was free to be what she wanted to be. Tara was never what you'd call beautiful (at least society defines beauty), but she is definitely attractive. And I've had the chance to make me mad because when Tara was in a bad mood she'd call me "Princess." So I have blonde hair and blue eyes and all the boys want to screw me, no reason to be insulting. Honestly, I've suffered for these looks more than ugly people suffer for theirs. At least ugly people aren't who other people are. I know Tara wouldn't love me even if I was a mucus-sneezing freak with an ear wax problem. This is of great comfort.

Seven years have passed and I still don't know entirely what happened during the year I was away. Maybe Tara's waiting for the right moment to spring it on me. Maybe Tara doesn't trust me enough yet. It's OK. I can wait.

The vengeance of the parking gods

by Jennifer English

Each day I wake up. I stumble out of bed. I pull the blinds open. I look at the sky to see what kind of day it will be. And then I look down at the windshield of my red car. More and much more often I find a little orange present from the parking gods — a ticket for an $8 fine.

Much, much later, after coffee and a shower, I will pull this ticket from my windshield and add it to the stack in the glovebox.

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The environmentally conscious out there are probably thinking my fines are fitting punishment for what my ex­haust pipes have done to the environment. "Take the bus you've been single-handedly funding," you say, and sometimes I do. But in reality I have 15 minutes to get from school to work, and that doesn't work with the bus sched­ule. Most of my tickets are from parking illegally to get closer to class — especially on exam days. I need my job and I need my grades. That's why I call myself a starving student, and that's why the parking office will soon be calling me by my first name.

I do enjoy the childlike thrill of deceiving authority. It brings back the feeling of running yellow lights in mom's car or sneaking in your bedroom window at 4 a.m. It's fun. One bright spot: for at least one day last year I paid the salary of the driver who tells us to dump our coffee or hike the dumpsters.

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LETTER

Dang straight

Editor:

As soon as I turned to the Opinion page in Friday's pap­er, I knew I'd be in for an opinion piece I agreed with. As a transplant to California a few years ago, I was appalled at the lack of parking space for a full-sized van. Even non­compact spaces are often too narrow to park in. The lots place rows too close together to get in a space without a few shots at them too. Designers of malls want the most people who will actually be parking there.

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I don't know — it is just me or has Mustang Daily's opinion page become a forum for vicious personal attacks lately? Look at what we, the students of Cal Poly, get every time we turn here. Where are the thoughtful, well-crafted arguments? Why does everyone have to rip on everyone else just because they disagree with what that person has to say?

In recent weeks I've read commentary from different students who basically, want to insult and provoke each other. This is not good. Why are they doing a good job because the Opinion page is starting to look like the stands at a Raider's game, and anymore's been to the Coliseum know what I'm talking about. We're dodging bullets here!

The Opinion page is starting to look like the stands of a Raider's game -- and anyone who's been to the Coliseum will know what I'm talking about. We're dodging bullets here!

First, some guy warns the men of Poly that all the women we know see us as evil animals and are plotting our destruction. That was enough to raise my eyebrows. But then the next week an article by a self-proclaimed feminist absolutely trashed him for his opinion. She basically called him a Star Trek junkie who couldn't talk to real women. And then, in a very patronizing tone, she virtually sat him on her lap and told him to "talk to a woman." I admit my commentary painted an extremely unfair picture of women, but by talking down to him like that, she just made the whole situation worse.

From the war of the sexes, the forum moved to an even hotter topic — religion. And the attacks got uglier. First, "Snow White" ripped on a campus Bible study guy for trying to "save" her. OK, granted the guy was way out of line and didn't take a hint. She has every right to tell him her advances were not welcomed and to be angry when he continued. But I got the distinct impression that she was attempting to move the discussion together as fast as she could. The accompanying cartoon didn't help, either. That was where I had a problem.

And do I really need to repeat the commentary of April 10? I have it right here in front of me. I am a devout Christian and will tell the truth to anybody. And yes, there are many things about the Catholic Church with which I disagree. But referring to the Pope as "Johnny Pope" and implying that the Catholic Church is doomed is going way too far for Jesus didn't try to win anyone over by condemning them. He did it with love and respect.

With all this mean talk floating around, I guess what I mean to say is this: STOP IT! We are all adults here, with beliefs and feelings that need to be respected. We should have left the mentality of "Well, your mommies ugly" back in kindergarten. We all have the ability to figure things out on our own and in a respectful manner, without resorting to name-calling. It's just ugly.

Nathan French is a journalism junior and thinks you're a "Jesus freak."

COMMENTARY

Jesus freaks?...hardly.

by Phil Jonas

On April 4, Mustang Daily printed a commentary entitled, "Jesus freaks attack Snow White." In the commentary, Lisa Hansen complains of an unwarranted attack by another Mustang Daily writer. Under this even an attack is a gross overstatement of the situation. The fact that Ms. Hansen considers this as aggression is testimony to her real intolerance and impatience with those who believe things other than she. While Ms. Hansen believes she was assaulted in a most gross and insensitive way, many people encounter this situation, move on with their lives and treat it as a common occurrence that is not just limited to Christians.

Put yourself in his shoes and in the shoes of all those who try to educate others about their ideals. Their intolerance sometimes comes out as stereotyping, a form of passive bigotry. Ms. Hansen seemed at first to be shocked at the under-handedness the man employed. She might, if she had thought about it, want to know why he had practiced this method. Why did he use this tactic. Put yourself in his shoes, and in the shoes of all those who try to educate others about their ideals. Many people by nature are very close-minded about other beliefs and values. They are intolerant of them. This intolerance sometimes comes out as stereotyping, a form of passive bigotry. Often, people who go out and try to spread the word of God, as the Bible tells them to, are shunned immediately and without question. While the kid selling candy or the pollster might get a polite "No, thank you." Not right away, but reasons for those who want to talk about God. Why is this? Because it is OK in today's society to be rude to them. They are considered "Jesus freaks." It is obvious that the man who approached Ms. Hansen was trying to explain a relationship with God in real world terms and situations, in an effort to be heard, not as she claimed, to "maneuver" her into a "lesson."

The "lesson" was not altogether one-sided, as Ms. Hansen made it out to be. She admitted that she attempted to give her views on the topic and the person to whom she was speaking responded, possible interrupted, and most likely gave an alternative viewpoint. This is part of any normal two-person discussion. If she felt she did not want to discuss "the topic suddenly at hand," why did she give her views on it? Did she expect the man to give up? To go away? That is hardly realistic. While the man may have been close to her when it was time to stop, all he was attempting to do was to give her a Bible study flyer. That is hardly rude and insensitive evangelism. He probably thought she would be a person willing to discuss the issue in an adult manner. Obviously he did not get the polite, intelligent conversation he was hoping for.

It is true some people are uncomfortable with religious discussion. This is normal. The topic of what happens after death is a scary and complicated one, and not all people wish to talk about it. But fear is no excuse for intolerance. These people don't go out to scare but to open minds to new ideas.

Hansen should realize that he may be trying to convert her because it is part of his religious duty. This sort of recruitment occurs at every level of society. It is not abnormal, nor is it limited to religion, as she seems to expect. It is not forced upon her, but rather offered if she wants it. Take into account the Holy Wars of the Middle East or the Christian Crusades of the late 11th and early 12th centuries. In those societies, both past and present, religious conformity is strictly enforced through bloodstream. We are lucky to live in a society where we can disagree with those who try to tell us things we do not like. Hansen never says he implied she was evil or bad; he only asked her about her personal relationship with God. She had the option not to answer any of his questions and when she did, he most likely offered thought-provoking replies, not Hellfire and Brimstone. Hansen handled the situation very poorly. If anything, he worsened the situation through his hostile responses.

Phil Jonas is a landscape architecture freshman.

LETTER

Mascot woes

Editor,

Upon coming up here to school at Cal Poly, I attended the football and basketball games just as my fellow classmates did. However, I was disappointed to see that there was no mascot parading around on the football field or basketball court during the time-out and other interruptions.

I was involved with school spirit at my high school and here at Cal Poly I have seen the importance of school spirit among the crowd to enhance the energy of the game. Not only would a mascot support student and faculty participation in the games, but it would also improve the team and coaching staff. If Cal Poly had a Mustang mascot at the spirit rallies and games, I'm sure the Cal Poly student body would be more spirited and supportive of their players. Cal Poly is moving up and expanding, and yet we lack a mascot to represent the sports fans.

And if it were true that the money Poly is spending on bigger and better stadiums, baseball diamonds, and basketball courts, our priority of a mascot is at the bottom of the list. We shall never be nationally recognized for our sports programs, unless of course, we have no spirited crowds to cheer the players. We need a mascot!

Philip Hartstein
Mechanical engineering freshman

From The Hip:

If you were a Muppet, which one would you be?

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-Caryn Redo
Civil engineering graduate

"Animal because I'm full of existential angst and I just need to beat something to get it out!"
-Christopher Corwithers
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"Gonzo because that homie is out of control."
-Eric Hernandez
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"Kermit because he's always happy, always smiling and I like his voice."
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ATTACKS: Israel advises residents of northern villages and towns to evacuate; Peres prepared to talk peace if approached

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flanking refugees will pressure Lebanon and Syria to disarm the Iranian-backed Hezbollah. For years, the Shiite Muslim guerrillas have attacked Israeli troops and fired rockets at Israel to drive Israeli troops from southern Lebanon.

Apaches helicopter gunships fired rockets Monday at the Hezbollah strongholds of Mraije and Bir Hassan in Beirut's southern suburbs. Lebanese jets also hit Hezbollah sites.

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Pillars of black smoke from explosions and artillery battered communities that have been largely abandoned by residents.

Guerrillas have fired rockets from Syria into the market town of Qamishli last week, killing nine people, and fired rockets Monday at the Hezbollah-run hospital in the town.

Israel urged the few people still in Nahariya to evacuate. Schools and businesses in towns within Katsuya range of Katyusha rockets were closed, and dozens of children were bused from Nahariya, an Israeli resort town on the Mediterranean Sea, to central Israel on Monday. Other children had been evacuated earlier.

On Cyprus, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Israel was prepared to talk peace, but would not act in motion: "We did not turn and will not turn to anyone," Peres said. "On the other hand, if requests are being made to us, we will respond to such requests and consider them."

Asked what kind of agreement would satisfy Israel, Peres replied: "Anything that will guarantee security in the northern part of Israel...provided it will really bring back the security."

The intensity of the campaign against Hezbollah, while not unprecedented, has been colored in part by Peres' desire to prove to Israeli voters before May 29 elections that he is not soft on security.

Prime Minister Rafik Hariri of Lebanon, who has visited Syria and Egypt in an attempt to end the bloodshed, warned in Paris: "If Israel continues its attacks on Lebanon, we can say goodbye to the peace process."

MUSTANG DAILY
Israel-Hezbollah battles claim more lives in Lebanon

By Hussein Dakroub
Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israeli aircraft and artillery bombarded Hezbollah targets in Beirut and southern Lebanon on Monday in an effort to ratchet up pressure on Lebanon and Syria to cripple the guerrillas.

Israel said it was ready to negotiate an end to its 15-day-old offensive, but would not initiate talks. Hezbollah, however, sent more rockets crashing down on northern Israel and claimed to have dozens of suicide bombers ready to attack.

"Our human bomb brigade is going to concentrate vengeance on Israel. We'll strike at the United States when it directly intervenes against us," said Hezbollah's second-in-command, Sheik Naim Qassem.

"We have deployed a shield of suicide bombers in the south ready to devastate any enemy ground force that dare to attempt a thrust into south Lebanon. We'll have them annihilated," Qassem told the Lebanese Broadcasting Corp. in a televised interview.

Hamas, the Palestinian group whose suicide bombings have Is­rael reeling, said it has joined the rocketing of northern Israel from Lebanon. A spokesman called on Hamas activists in the West Bank and Gaza Strip "to carry out their assigned missions."

Seven Lebanese civilians were killed and 20 people were wounded in the Israeli attacks Monday, Lebanese police reported. Eight Israelis were slightly wounded by Hezbollah rockets.

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